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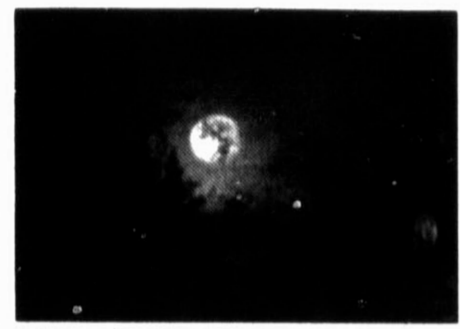
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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the mid-40s, wind becoming southeast 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Early morning clouds and patches of fog, otherwise partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, high in the lower 80s, southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy with a low in the lower 50s.

Extended forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-80s.

Friday: Breezy and warm with lows in the mid-50s and highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday: Increasing clouds with a chance of thunderstorms, low in the mid-50s, high in the lower 80s.

Hereford weather

Monday's high, 76; low, 46; precipitation, 0.14 inches.

Number of uninsured up in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer low-income workers with children are offered health insurance by their employers, and many who are can't afford the premiums, according to a new study. The result is a marked increase in the percentage of poor parents without health benefits.

The rate of uninsured parents rose to 35 percent in 1999 from 31 percent in 1997, said a report released Monday by the Center for Studying Health System Change, an independent research group that looked at 30,000 families.

The increase reflected what researchers say is a unfortunate circumstance: Poor people moving off welfare earn too much to be eligible for federal health programs but the jobs they get either don't include benefits or pay wages so low that they can't afford to purchase insurance.

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"The findings of more low-income parents becoming uninsured was the most alarming," said Jocelyn Guyer, policy analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, who studied the findings.

The study also showed that low-income children are also losing private health insurance coverage, offsetting government efforts to increase the number of poor kids with health benefits.

As a result, the percentage of poor children with health coverage has remained about the same, even though the government has signed up more children for a special public insurance program.

The study, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropic organization that advocates better access to health care coverage, showed the percentage of children with private coverage, such as employer-sponsored health plans, fell to 42 percent from 47 percent from 1997 to 1999.

About 33 percent of children in the center's study were covered by Medicaid and the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

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CHECK'S IN THE MAIL

Hospital district to get tobacco money

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

It's about one-third of the last allocation, but the Hereford Regional Medical Center will accept gladly any funds it can get.

On April 30, Deaf Smith County Hospital District will receive \$105,784 in this year's tobacco settlement payments for indigent health care, according to the Texas Comptroller.

The funds will be distributed to 228 Texas cities, counties and hospi-

tal districts to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

The check amounts were determined by a formula established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care.

The funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998 and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between U.S. tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for

payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

Under the terms of the agreement, the comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001, with the remaining \$1.8 billion set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

The hospital district received about \$338,200 in tobacco settlement money in September 1998 and HRMC administrator James Taylor

said last week he expected this year's allocation to be "significantly" lower.

At last week's hospital board meeting, Brandon Durbin, whose Lubbock accounting firm Durbin & Co. conducted the annual audit for the district, reported HRMC provided \$320,500 in charity care last year, up from \$288,800 in 1998.

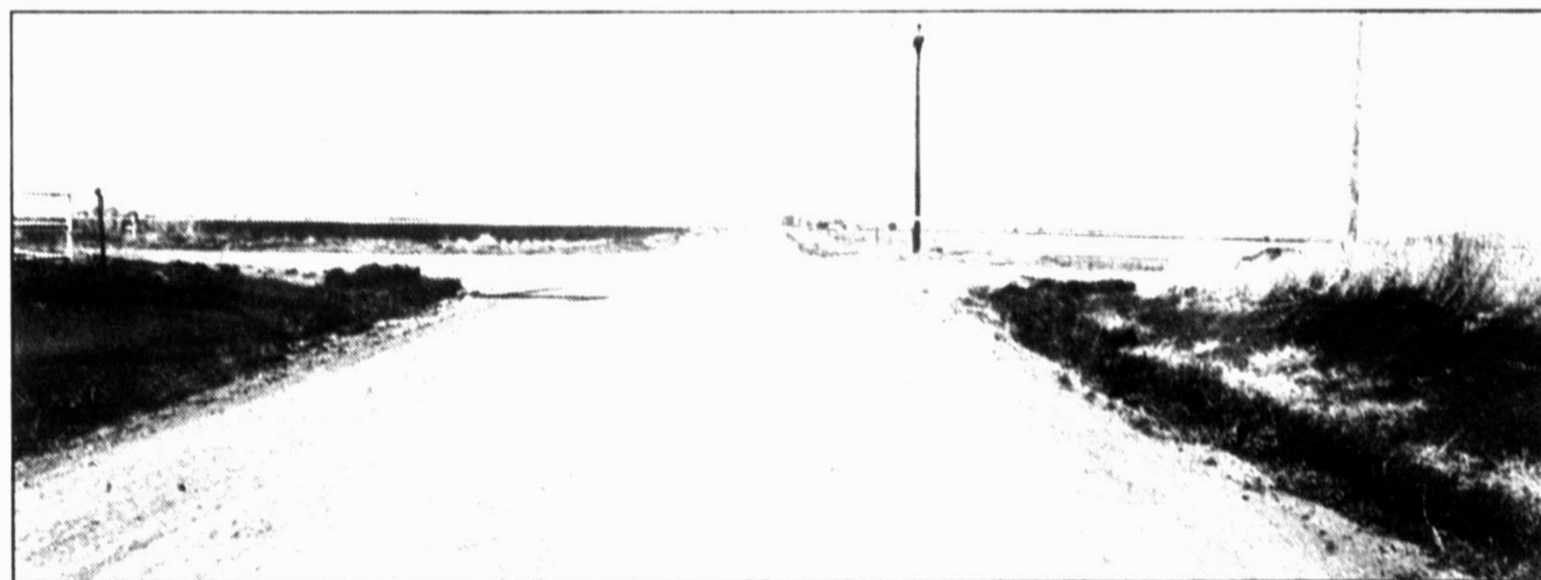
Tobacco settlement funds also were allocated to Castro County Hospital District, \$111,255, and Parmer County Hospital District, \$42,353.



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Eleven go to hospital — Eleven people were taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center Sunday morning by Hereford Emergency Services ambulances following an accident on U.S. Highway 60 East. Ten of the victims were treated and released at HRMC, but Anita Rodriguez

was transported in stable condition to an Amarillo hospital. According to police reports, Rodriguez, who was driving a 1989 Pontiac Grand Am, turned left in front of a 1994 Chevrolet van driven by Richard Vasquez. Rodriguez was cited for failure to yield the right of way.



BRAND/Julie L. Carlson

The county may place a stop sign at the intersection of County Roads 7 and HH.

County OK's Vertex pact

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

County commissioners listened to VerTex representatives Tammy McKinney and Dave Greensage discuss benefits the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department could receive from using the company's services for helping to reimburse federal monies for the Deaf Smith County Jail's housing of illegal aliens.

The federal program, called the Alien Assistance Program, reimburses counties for housing immigrants.

According to McKinney, this would benefit the county any way it's considered.

"It truly is a win/win situation. We get you dollars," she said.

Under this program, an illegal alien is considered to be a U.S., or non-U.S., citizen, but born in a foreign country. As a jumping-off point, VerTex will provide a brief cost allo-



Deaf Smith County Fire Marshal Dean Turney (standing) speaks to the county commissioners (seated, from left) Sammy Gonzales, Johnny Latham, County Judge Tom Simons, Troy Don Moore and Wayne Betzen.

cation plan for the jail, which they will use as the formula for determining reimbursement costs. All costs will be considered per illegal

alien, such as clothing, laundry, utilities and food.

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JUBILEE

Organizers hope new date for annual event gives a boost

The annual Town & Country Jubilee has been tentatively scheduled for June 10-17, according to the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

The jubilee has been a fixture in August, but organizers decided an earlier date would help boost attendance.

Among the planned activities:

June 9-10 — Senior Citizens Center quilting show and activities and events at the Hereford Community Center;

June 9-10 — Jubilee of Arts, sponsored by the Pilot Club, at the Hereford Community Center;

June 10 — Greg Black Memorial 10-K Run at 8 a.m., Jubilee Junction and parade beginning at 9 a.m.;

June 11 — Citywide church fellowship, Lions Club carnival; and

June 17 — Miss Hereford pageant, citywide garage sale, fireworks. For registration information for the Greg Black Memorial Run, contact the Hereford YMCA at 364-6990.

The chamber is accepting registration applications for the Miss Hereford pageant. For information, contact the chamber office at 364-3333 or go by the office at 701 N. Main.

The chamber directors also voted to change the Fourth of July fireworks celebration to June 17. This year, the festivities will be the concluding event for the Jubilee after the Miss Hereford pageant. Many

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Baby sitters - Young ladies who completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course during this spring break are, front from left, Angie Tickle, Vickie Garcia, Marketta Nicklaus, back from left, Crystal Foster, Kailey Newton, Kallie Newton and Tammy Johnson. The course included basic first aid and safety skills, and infant and child rescue breathing and choking. Marketing of these skills was also included in the course. Anyone in need of a trained baby sitter may call the Red Cross office at 364-3761 for more information.

LOOKING BACK

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, April 25, the 116th day of 2000. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 25, 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

On this date:
In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1874, radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi was born in Bologna, Italy.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was one dollar.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Turkish Empire out of the war.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces

linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the Manchester, Maine, school-girl expressed fears about nuclear war.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

Ten years ago: Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule. The Hubble Space Telescope was deployed from the space shuttle "Discovery."

Five years ago: Show business legend Ginger Rogers died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

One year ago: On the third and final day of their Washington summit, NATO leaders promised military protection and economic aid to Yugoslavia's neighbors for standing with the West against

Slobodan Milosevic. More than 70,000 mourners gathered in Littleton, Colo., to remember the victims of the Columbine High School massacre. Lord Killanin, former president of the International Olympic Committee, died in Dublin, Ireland, at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Vassar Clements is 72. Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 70. Former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon is 68. Songwriter Jerry Leiber is 67. Actor Al Pacino is 60. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 55. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 55. Actress Talia Shire is 54. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 53. Rock musician Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 51. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 46. Actor Hank Azaria is 36. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasme) is 36. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 35. Actress Renee Zellweger is 31. Actress Emily Bergl is 25.

Thought for Today: "Prophecy is the wit of a fool." — Vladimir Nabokov, Russian-born author (1899-1977).



Carnival time — St. Anthony's School's annual fund-raiser carnival, Karnival Krazy, will be held from noon-5 p.m. this Sunday. Members of St. Anthony's fourth grade class get in the carnival spirit. Pictured are, front from left, Brook Spriggs, Kayla Leonard, Jordan Foster, Zack Paetzold; middle from left, Wesley Detten, Hillary Vallejo, Jessica Goynes, Sasha Chavez, Blake Martin; back from left, Desta Franks, Riley Gonzales, Abby Metcalf, Erica Rodriguez and Jose Enriquez.

Miss Hereford, Little Miss registrations now being accepted at chamber office

Registrations are now being accepted for those interested in competing in the Little Miss Hereford and the Miss Hereford pageants, according to a spokesperson for the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

This year's pageants will be held June 17 in conjunction with the Town and Country Jubilee.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main.

Age divisions for the Little Miss Hereford pageant are Cutest Miss-preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite-first, second and third graders; Little Princess-fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss-seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Young ladies ages 16-21 are eligible to compete in the Miss Hereford scholarship pageant. Contestants vie for scholarships and prizes as they compete in casual wear, formal wear, inter-

view and talent categories.

"We hope that any girls interested in competing in either pageant will complete registration forms and turn them in as soon as possible. This will assist us in finalizing plans for the pageants," Girl Richardson, pageant co-chairman, said.

Completed forms should be returned to the Chamber office. Registration deadline is May 26.

For more information, contact Kim Leonard at 364-8760.

Low cost breast cancer screenings offered for those needing assistance

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on May 12.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction

in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department

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SPORTS

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Herd runs over Pampa, 6-5

■ The Whitefaces come home, needing two final wins.

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Instead of backing off at the most critical part of the season, the Hereford High School varsity baseball team is thriving.

After falling to 1-4 in district the Whitefaces (12-10, 4-4) have stormed back to claim a piece of second place winning their third straight game 6-5 over the first place Pampa Harvesters 6-5 in Pampa.

Pampa was previously undefeated in district play until they faced the white hot Herd on Saturday.

The Whitefaces broke out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. Richard Salinas, Andrew Villarreal and J.P. Holman each crossed home plate in the first to give the Herd the lead.

The Whitefaces kept the lead until the bottom of the third inning when Pampa rattled off four straight runs to capture the lead 4-3.

The Whitefaces refused to let down by coming right back in the top half of the fourth inning scoring a run to tie the game at 4-4. The run came off a blast by J.P. Holman to tie up the contest.

The Whitefaces then went up for good in the top of the sixth pitching first baseman Brady Daniel and pitcher George Castillo across to lead 6-4.

Pampa would knock in one more run in the bottom of the seventh, but junior hurler Eddie Lacey held on for his seventh save of the year.

Senior pitcher George Castillo continued his pitching assault on district 3-4A by striking out 10 in 6 and 2/3 of



an inning. Castillo also walked nine in and allowed four hits in the Hereford victory.

The victory extends the Herd's winning streak to three games.

Hereford now finds themselves in a 3-way tie with Dumas (12-12, 4-4) and Caprock (11-13, 4-4) for second place. Luckily for the Whitefaces their next two games are at home starting today at 4:30 p.m.

The Herd will seek revenge against the Borger Bulldogs (7-14, 2-6) who beat them in Borger back on April 8.

With a win today the Whitefaces would find themselves in a tie with either Caprock or Dumas. Caprock and Dumas face each other this afternoon in Caprock.

A win today for Hereford and Caprock would make for an interesting match up Saturday when the Herd hosts Caprock for their last game of the season.



COURTESY PHOTO/Lisa Arthro

Looking for a playoff berth—The Hereford High School varsity baseball team looks to sweep its last two home games in an effort to extend their season. The Whitefaces face Borger this afternoon at 1 p.m. and need a win to remain in second place behind first place Pampa. The Herd beat Pampa 6-5 on Saturday thanks to the hitting of L.J. Vallejo (top) and J.P. Holman (bottom). Vallejo takes aim at a Pampa pitch while Holman is greeted at home plate by pitchers Eddie Lacey, Michael Rhyne and George Castillo.

Red Raider Day delayed

■ Annual Red Raider Day rescheduled for June 5th.

The Speedy Nieman Memorial Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for Wednesday April 26th at Pitman Municipal Golf Course, has been postponed until Wednesday June 7th.

The tournament has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts with several members of the Texas Tech coaching staff. Head football coach Mike Leach and several of his assistants are going to be attending college workouts for the upcoming season.

Personal appearances from members of the Texas Tech University coaching staff will highlight this year's annual Hereford and Dimmitt Red Raider Day which has been set at Pitman Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday June 5th.

First-year head Red Raider football coach Mike Leach and Tech Athletic Director Gerald Myers are expected to be keynote speakers at the event.

The golf tournament, which had previously been named in honor of late Tech boosters Tom Legate and John Sherrord, will this year honor O.G. "Speedy" Nieman, the long-time publisher of the *Hereford Brand*, an alumnus of Texas Tech, and an avid Red Raider booster who died April 19, 1999.

Legate, Sherrord and Nieman had each been well-

KANSAS BOUND



BRAND/Jeff Blackmon

Kansas bound—Vernon Adams signed a letter of intent to attend Sterling College located in Sterling, Kan. on Monday night. Pictured with Adams are his family (left) James Komer, Tina Komer, Tanya Adams and Chance Adams. Adams played rover for the state runner up Hereford Whiteface football team. Sterling College is the home of Warrior football and is in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (NAIA). Sterling College is also affiliated with the United Presbyterian Church.

known proponents of the annual Red Raider Day observance and were active participants in the yearly get-together. The new start times will be the same as the previous start times. The deadline to enter in the tournament is Monday June 5th.

Following a sign-in at 1 p.m., Tech coaches and boosters are scheduled to begin

play in their annual version of the Red Raider Cup Matches (a Florida scramble) at 1:30 p.m.

Red Raider Day activities will then conclude with a social hour and dinner at the Hereford Country Club from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., where boosters will also receive the latest outlook for Texas Tech sports.

The event is open to all Texas Tech sports fans. A \$45

entry fee includes green fee, cart rental, the social hour and dinner. Non-golfers are also invited to attend. The cost for the social hour and dinner only is \$15.

The deadline for golf tournament entries is Monday June 5th. Entries may be made by calling the Pitman Golf Shop at (806) 363-7139; by mailing entries care of Dave Hopper, Box 150, Hereford, Tx. 79045, or by calling Hopper at (806) 258-7255.

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Polls: Elian should be with his father

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans say Elian Gonzalez should live with his father and think the government did all it could to remove him from the home of his Miami relatives without using force, polls indicate.

But they're less certain about the methods used by federal agents to move the boy on Saturday morning, splitting about evenly on how the government handled the removal.

A majority agreed in polls by CBS News, NBC News and CNN-Gallup that the government had done all it could without using force to return the boy to his father.

More than half in the CBS poll, 56 percent, said federal officials were only doing what was necessary to enforce the law, while more than a third said too much force was used.

Democrats said the marshals were doing what was



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necessary by a 2-1 margin, while Republicans were about evenly split on the question of whether too much force was used.

Overnight polls taken just after an event can measure the public's initial reaction, but sometimes it can take days or weeks before solid public opinion forms on complex questions like the tactics used in the raid.

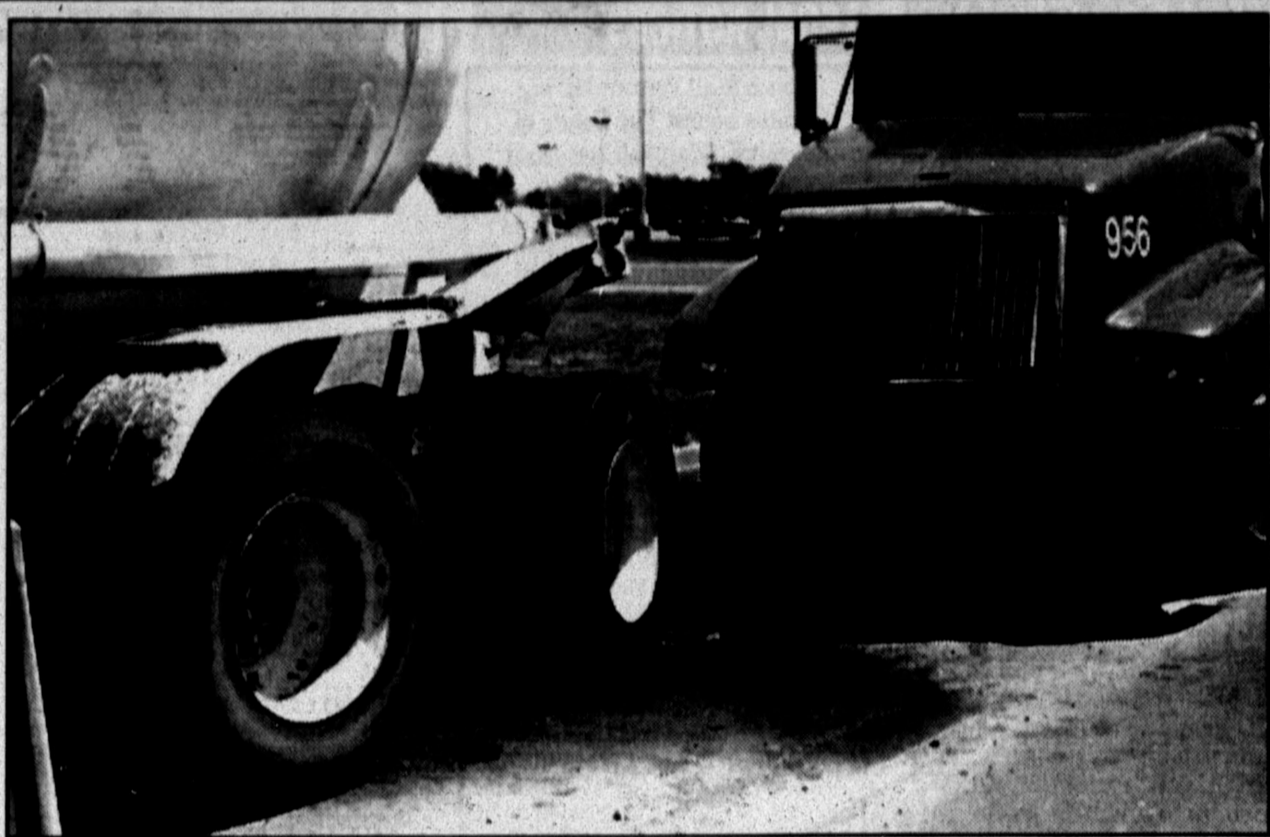
The dramatic tug of war

over the boy's future has clearly captured the public's interest, with eight in 10 in the CBS poll taken Sunday of 577 adults saying they were following the case at least somewhat closely.

The CBS poll, as well as polls by NBC News and CNN-Gallup showed strong support for the boy being with

his father, with two-thirds to three-fourths taking that position. A majority has taken that view in polls in recent months. The error margin on the new polls was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Just over six of 10 in an NBC News poll of 680 people taken Sunday said they thought congressional hearings were not needed to examine the case of the Cuban boy.



BRAND/Becky Thom

No injuries reported — There were no injuries reported in an accident involving two 18-wheelers Monday afternoon in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. Both vehicles were traveling north when the accident occurred. According to the police report, one driver was cited for failure to control speed.



GARRISON CENTER

Groundbreaking scheduled on geriatric center at Tech

Philanthropists Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison of Hereford will be honored Wednesday at the groundbreaking of the Mildred and Shirley L. Garrison geriatric Education and Care Center in Lubbock.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Participants will be asked to park in Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center parking lot F-3. Shuttle busses will be available to transport visitors to and from the ceremony.

The Garrisons' contribution is expected to positively impact geriatric medicine and care for years to come, a Sears Methodist Retirement Systems Inc. official said.

"We are honored to have our name on a facility that will train future medical providers and caregivers of the elderly plus provide the opportunity to do research in Alzheimer's disease and other diseases that plague our senior population," Shirley Garrison said.

Sears Methodist Retirement

System will own and operate the Garrison Center and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will use the facility to train students on state-of-the-art methods of caring for the medically frail seniors, including those with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. This 120-bed facility will provide residential care for individuals who need traditional nursing care and those who need specialized dementia care.

Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said, "The Garrison Center represents a major step in Tech's plans to become a major center for geriatric training, and in helping to enhance Lubbock's reputation as a retirement center across the state. This partnership with Sears Methodist will create a superb geriatric long-term care and teaching facility."

Sears Methodist President Keith Perry said the institution is "excited about being a part of this joint venture with Texas Tech."

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President David Smith added, "The Garrison Center will be the first of its kind that will be both located on the campus of an academic health center and designed in cooperation with the academic health center faculty."

"Just as many of the most important medical breakthroughs have come out of our nation's teaching hospitals, we believe that similar breakthroughs in care for the elderly can come from this facility," Smith said.

The 66,000-square-foot geriatric education and care center is located just north of the Health Sciences Center.

Construction will begin immediately and will cost approximately \$10 million with a projected completion date for the summer of 2001.

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Amarillo Rotarians schedule annual fund-raising Roundup

AMARILLO — The Rotary Club of Amarillo's annual Shrimp & Catfish Roundup will be 5-9:30 p.m. May 6 at the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

The event is designed to raise money for youth-related organizations throughout the Amarillo area. Recipients this year are Kinds Inc., Amarillo Swim Teach, Life Challenge and Young Life.

The cost is \$20 per person for all-you-can-eat shrimp and catfish. Also, the Rotary Club of Amarillo will offer a 2000 Toyota Camry to the winner of a drawing. Tickets for the

car raffle are \$100 and the winner will be able to drive away with the Camry, which provided by Street Toyota of Amarillo. If the winner doesn't want the car, he or she can pocket \$17,000 in cash.

Those in attendance also will become eligible for a drawing for two Southwest Airlines tickets for anywhere the airline flies in the continental United States.

The event drew about 1,200 last year, raising more than \$38,000 for youth-oriented organizations.

Amarillo businessman Madison Scott and Amarillo banker

Jim Wilhite are co-chairmen of this year's event.

Entertainment will be provided by the Prairie Dogs, a local country/western band.

"Our objective is to help the youth of our community," Scott said, adding the Shrimp & Catfish Roundup has raised more than \$200,000 over the years. "Our youth is our future, and anything we can do to help ensure a better future for our community is worth doing. We hope for a big turnout."

For more information, call the Amarillo Rotary Club office at 352-3108.

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